

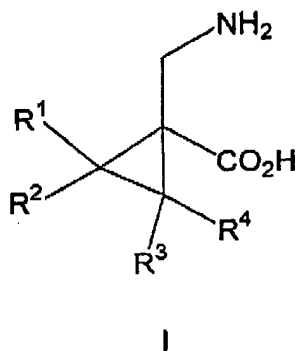
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**Amendments to the Claims:**

1. (Previously amended) A compound of the formula I



wherein  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  are selected, independently, from hydrogen,  $(C_1-C_{10})$ straight or branched alkyl,  $(C_1-C_{10})$ straight or branched alkoxyalkyl, phenyl- $(C_1-C_3)$ straight or branched alkyl and phenyl- $(C_1-C_3)$ straight or branched alkoxyalkyl, wherein said phenyl moieties can optionally be substituted with one or two substituents selected, independently, from halo or  $(C_1-C_3)$ alkyl;

or  $R^1$  and  $R^2$ , together with the carbon to which they are attached, form a cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl or cycloheptyl ring which can optionally be substituted with one or two substituents selected, independently, from the group of substituents named in the definition of  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  above; and

$R^3$  and  $R^4$  are selected, independently, from hydrogen and methyl;

with the proviso that at least one of  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  is other than hydrogen;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. (Original) A compound or salt according to claim 1 that is selected from the following compounds and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts:

1-Aminomethyl-spiro[2.4]heptane-1-carboxylic acid;

1-Aminomethyl-spiro[2.5]octane-1-carboxylic acid;

1-Aminomethyl-spiro[2.6]nonane-1-carboxylic acid;

1-Aminomethyl-5-methyl-spiro[2.4]heptane-1-carboxylic acid;

1-Aminomethyl-2-methyl-spiro[2.6]nonane-1-carboxylic acid;

1-Aminomethyl-2,2-dimethyl-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;

1-Aminomethyl-2,2-di-n-propyl-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;

1-Aminomethyl-2-isopropyl-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;  
1-Aminomethyl-2-cyclopropyl-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;  
1-Aminomethyl-2-isobutyl-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;  
1-Aminomethyl-2-(1-ethyl-propyl)-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;  
1-Aminomethyl-2-cyclohexyl-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid; and  
1-Aminomethyl-2-(2-phenethyl)-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid.  
1-Aminomethyl-spiro[2.3]hexane-1-carboxylic acid;  
1-Aminomethyl-spiro[2.7]decane-1-carboxylic acid;  
1-Aminomethyl-5,6-dimethyl-spiro[2.4]heptane-1-carboxylic acid;  
1-Aminomethyl-5-methyl-spiro[2.5]octane-1-carboxylic acid;  
1-Aminomethyl-5,7-dimethyl-spiro[2.5]octane-1-carboxylic acid;  
1-Aminomethyl-2,2-dimethyl-spiro[2.6]nonane-1-carboxylic acid;  
1-Aminomethyl-2,2-diethyl-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;  
1-Aminomethyl-2,2-di-n-butyl-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;  
1-Aminomethyl-2,2-diisobutyl-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;  
1-Aminomethyl-2-n-propyl-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;  
1-Aminomethyl-2-(2-methyl-butyl)-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;  
1-Aminomethyl-2-(2,2-dimethyl-butyl)-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;  
1-Aminomethyl-2-(2-methyl-pentyl)-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;  
1-Aminomethyl-2-(2,2-dimethyl-pentyl)-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;  
1-Aminomethyl-2-(3-ethyl-pentyl)-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;  
1-Aminomethyl-2-(4-ethyl-hexyl)-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;  
1-Aminomethyl-2-(1-methyl-cyclopropylmethyl)-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;  
1-Aminomethyl-2-(1-ethyl-cyclopropylmethyl)-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;  
1-Aminomethyl-2-(1-propyl-cyclopropylmethyl)-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;  
1-Aminomethyl-2-(2-methyl-hexyl)-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;  
1-Aminomethyl-2-(2,2-dimethyl-hexyl)-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;  
1-Aminomethyl-2-(2,6-dimethyl-heptyl)-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;  
1-Aminomethyl-2-(3,7-dimethyl-octyl)-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;  
1-Aminomethyl-2-n-butyl-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;  
1-Aminomethyl-2-cyclobutyl-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;  
1-Aminomethyl-2-cyclopentyl-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;  
1-Aminomethyl-2-cycloheptyl-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;

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1-Aminomethyl-2-cyclopropylmethyl-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;  
1-Aminomethyl-2-cyclohexylmethyl-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;  
1-Aminomethyl-2-(2-cyclohexyl-ethyl)-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;  
1-Aminomethyl-2-phenyl-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid; and  
1-Aminomethyl-2-benzyl-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

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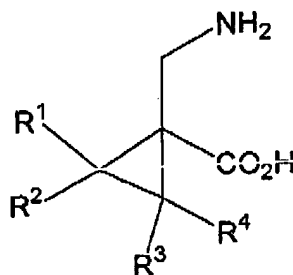
19. (Cancelled)

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22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of the formula I



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wherein  $\text{R}^1$  and  $\text{R}^2$  are selected, independently, from hydrogen,  $(\text{C}_1\text{--}\text{C}_{10})$  straight or branched alkyl,  $(\text{C}_1\text{--}\text{C}_{10})$  straight or branched alkoxyalkyl, phenyl- $(\text{C}_1\text{--}\text{C}_3)$  straight or branched alkyl and phenyl- $(\text{C}_1\text{--}\text{C}_3)$  straight or branched alkoxyalkyl, wherein said phenyl moieties can optionally be substituted with one or two substituents selected, independently, from halo or  $(\text{C}_1\text{--}\text{C}_3)$ alkyl;

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